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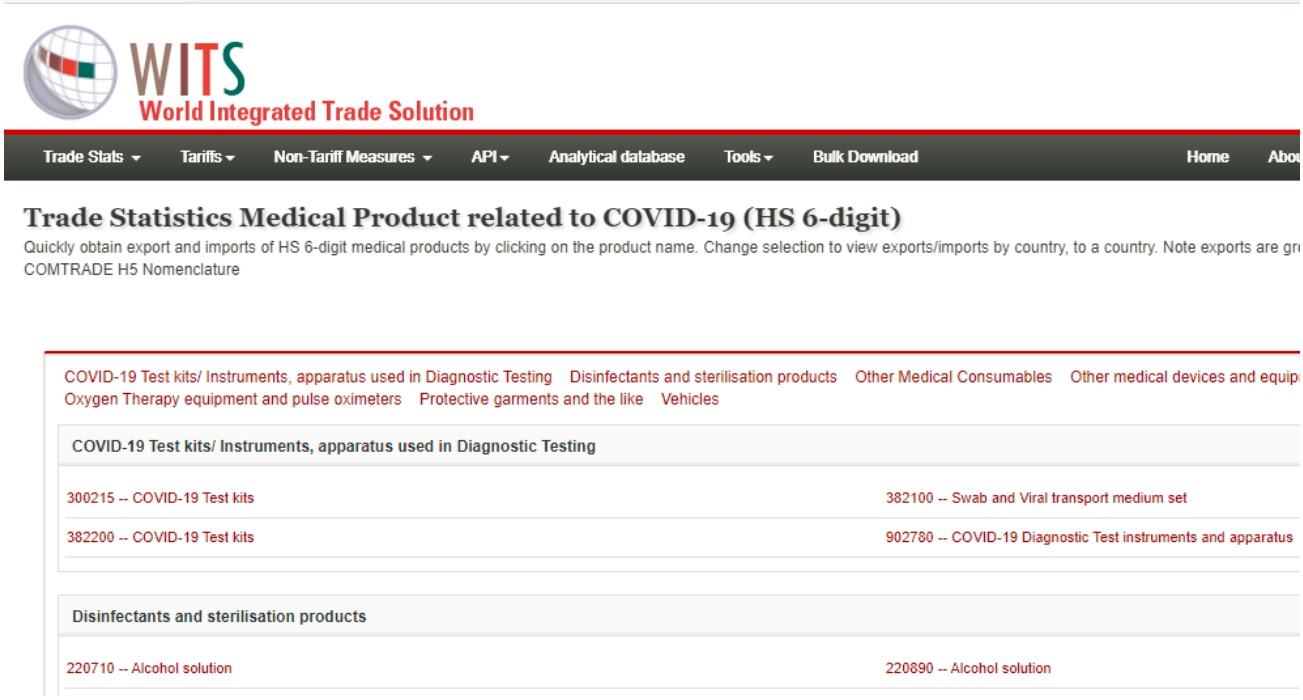
Were Products Descriptions Changed, Or Were CV Supplies Ordered Years Ago?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Trade Statistics Medical Product related to COVID-19 (HS 6-digit)
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COMTRADE H5 Nomenclature
COVID-19 Test kits/ Instruments, apparatus used in Diagnostic Testing
Disinfectants and sterilisation products
Other Medical Consumables
Other medical devices and equip
Oxygen Therapy equipment and pulse oximeters
Protective garments and the like
Vehicles
COVID-19 Test kits/ Instruments, apparatus used in Diagnostic Testing
300215 -- COVID-19 Test kits
382100 -- Swab and Viral transport medium set
382200 -- COVID-19 Test kits
902780 -- COVID-19 Diagnostic Test instruments and apparatus
Disinfectants and sterilisation products
220710 -- Alcohol solution
220890 -- Alcohol solution

https://wits.worldbank.org/
The World Integrated Trade Solution is a partnership between several groups, including: International Trade Center; UN Conference on Trade and Development; UN Statistical Commission; World Trade Organization; and World Bank. The (apparent) ordering of Covid-19 medical supplies in 2017-2019 raised a lot of attention.

1. Changes In Product/Numbering System?

This article will specifically address 4 product codes that are in the WITS system as being coronavirus supplies. However, looking at the description, they appear to have general medical, scientific use.

300215 – CV test kits
COVID-19 Test kits (300215) imports by country in 2019
Additional Product information: Diagnostic reagents based on immunological reactions
Category: COVID-19 Test kits/ Instruments, apparatus used in Diagnostic Testing
Link To WITS Description

382100 – CV viral swab and kits
Swab and Viral transport medium set (382100) exports by country in 2018
Additional Product information: A vial containing a culture media for the maintenance of a viral sample and a cotton tipped swab to collect the sample put up together

Category: COVID-19 Test kits/ Instruments, apparatus used in Diagnostic Testing
Link to WITS Description

382200 – CV test kits
COVID-19 Test kits (382200) imports by country in 2019
Additional Product information: Diagnostic reagents based on polymerase chain reaction (PCR) nucleic acid test.
Category: COVID-19 Test kits/ Instruments, apparatus used in Diagnostic Testing
Link To WITS Description

902780 – CV diagnostic kits
COVID-19 Diagnostic Test instruments and apparatus (902780) imports by country in 2018
Additional Product information: Instruments used in clinical laboratories for In Vitro Diagnosis. Colorimetric end tidal CO2 detector, sizes compatible with child and adult endotracheal tube. Single use.
Category: COVID-19 Test kits/ Instruments, apparatus used in Diagnostic Testing
Link to WITS Description

2. Canadian Imports Database

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Canada.ca → Business and industry → Research and business intelligence → International trade data and market intelligence → Canadian Importers Database

902780 - Instruments and apparatus for physical or chemical analysis, nes - Canadian Importers Database (CID)

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Market concentration & Major Canadian importers

Market concentration		
Number of importers	Value of imports ($CDN)	Cumulative % of imports
3	47,086,603	14.01%

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382200 - Composite diagnostic or laboratory reagents, nes,o/t those of No 30.02 or 30.06 - Canadian Importers Database (CID)

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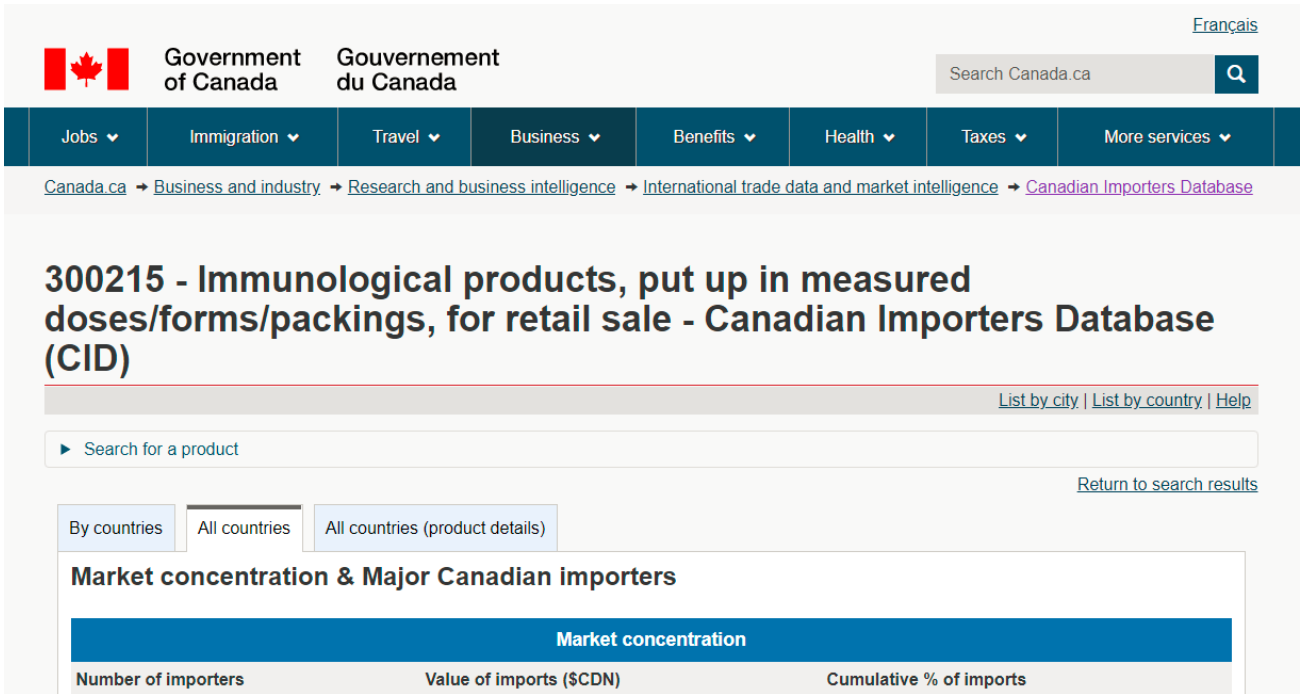
Number of importers	Value of imports ($CDN)	Cumulative % of imports
3	212,798,863	22.21%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300215 - Immunological products, put up in measured doses/forms/packings, for retail sale - Canadian Importers Database (CID)
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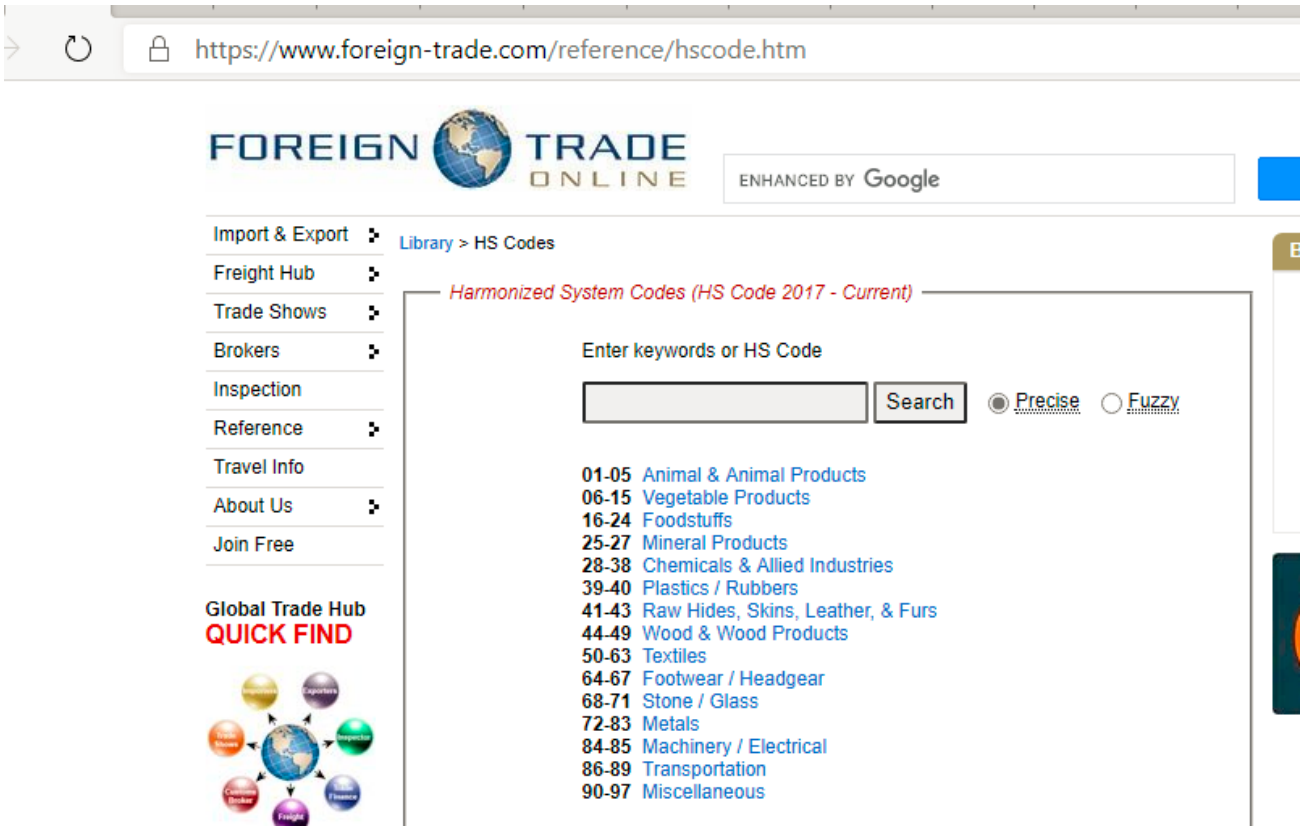
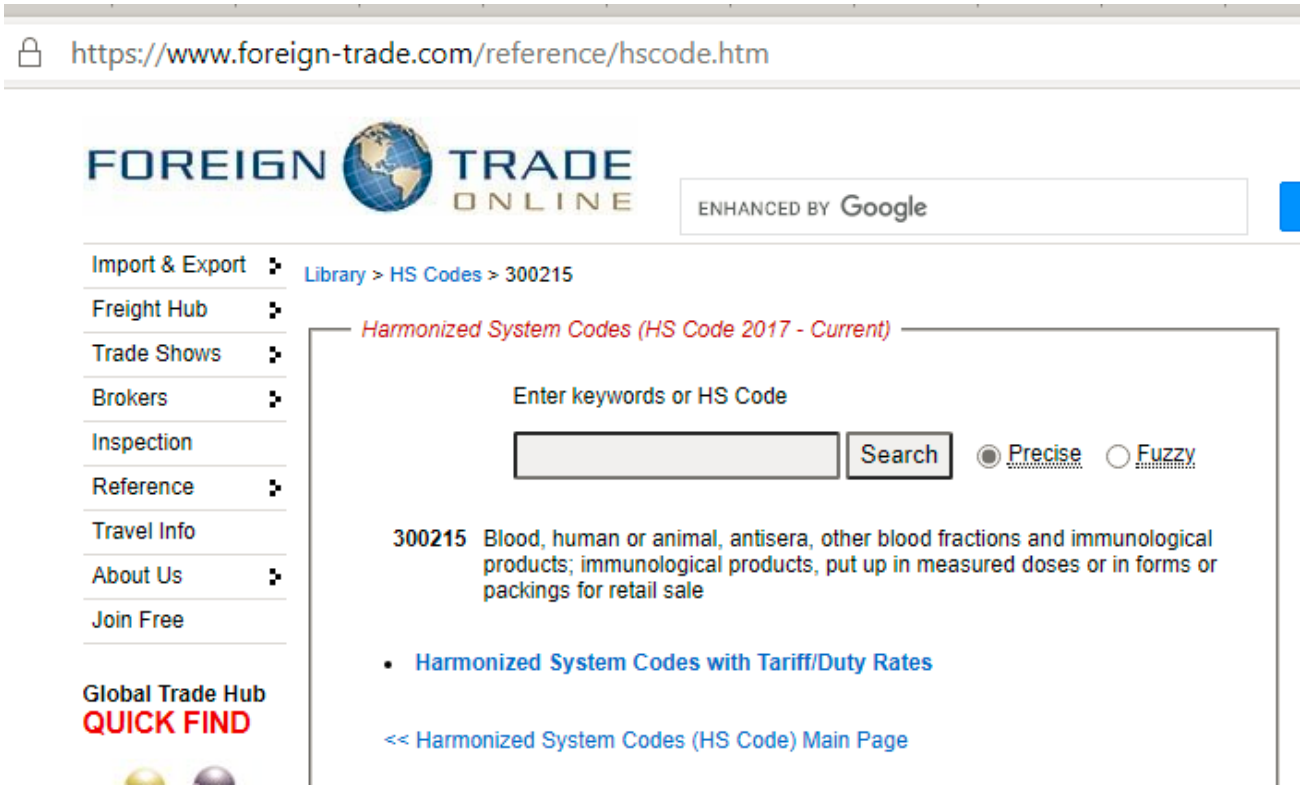
https://www.ic.gc.ca/eic/site/cid-dic.nsf/eng/home

The Canadian Imports website lists the above items as generic medical imports. It's possible that these were just normal imports, and that the codes have been re-labelled to be CV equipment.

3. Harmonized System Codes (Foreign Trade)

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300215 Blood, human or animal, antisera, other blood fractions and immunological products; immunological products, put up in measured doses or in forms or packings for retail sale
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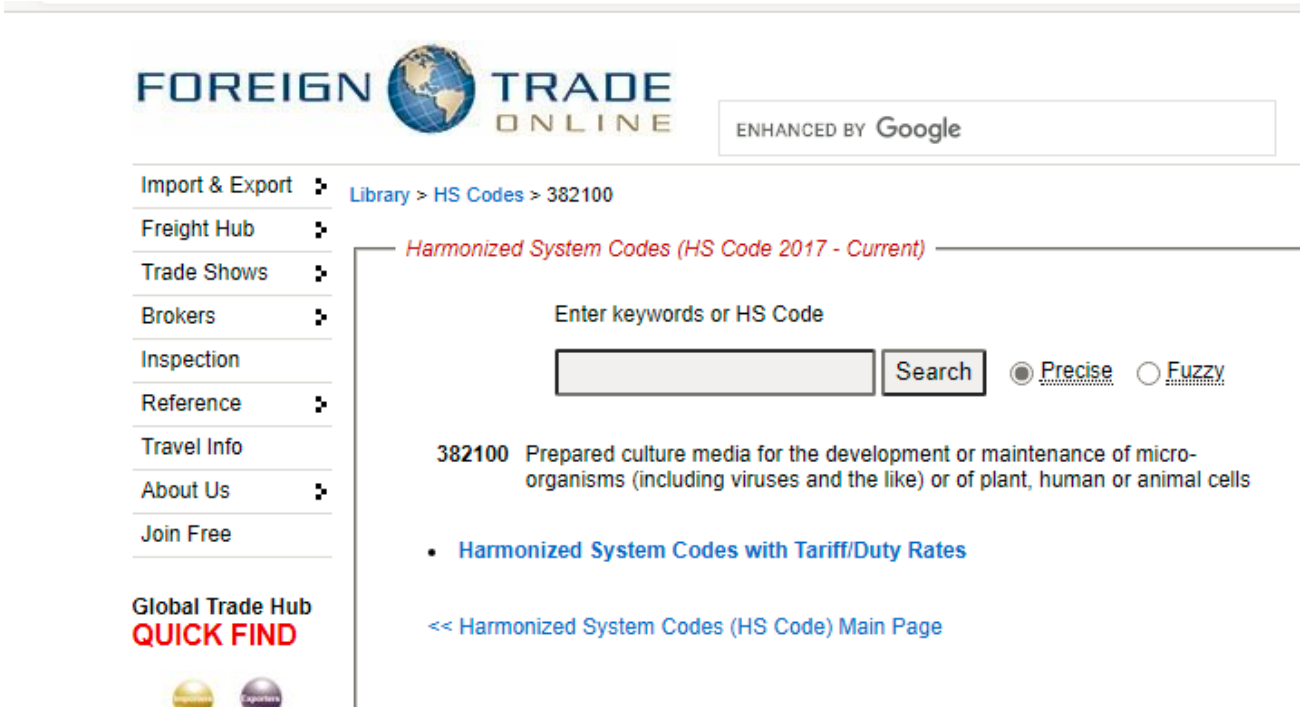
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Harmonized System Codes (HS Code 2017 - Current)
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382100 Prepared culture media for the development or maintenance of micro-organisms (including viruses and the like) or of plant, human or animal cells
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382200 Reagents; diagnostic or laboratory reagents on a backing and prepared diagnostic or laboratory reagents whether or not on a backing, other than those of heading no. 3002 or 3006; certified reference material
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902780 Instruments and apparatus; for physical or chemical analysis, for measuring or checking viscosity, porosity, expansion, surface tension or quantities of heat, sound or light, n.e.c. in heading no. 9027
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https://www.foreign-trade.com/reference/hscode.htm

The Harmonized System of coding results in much the same naming system as the Canadian Imports site.

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The World Bank and the Center for International Business, Tuck School of Business at Dartmouth College Global Preferential Trade Agreements Database provide information on preferential trade agreements (PTAs) around the world, including agreements that have not yet been notified to the World Trade Organization. This resource helps trade policy makers, research analysts, the academia, trade professionals and other individuals better understand and navigate the world of PTAs.

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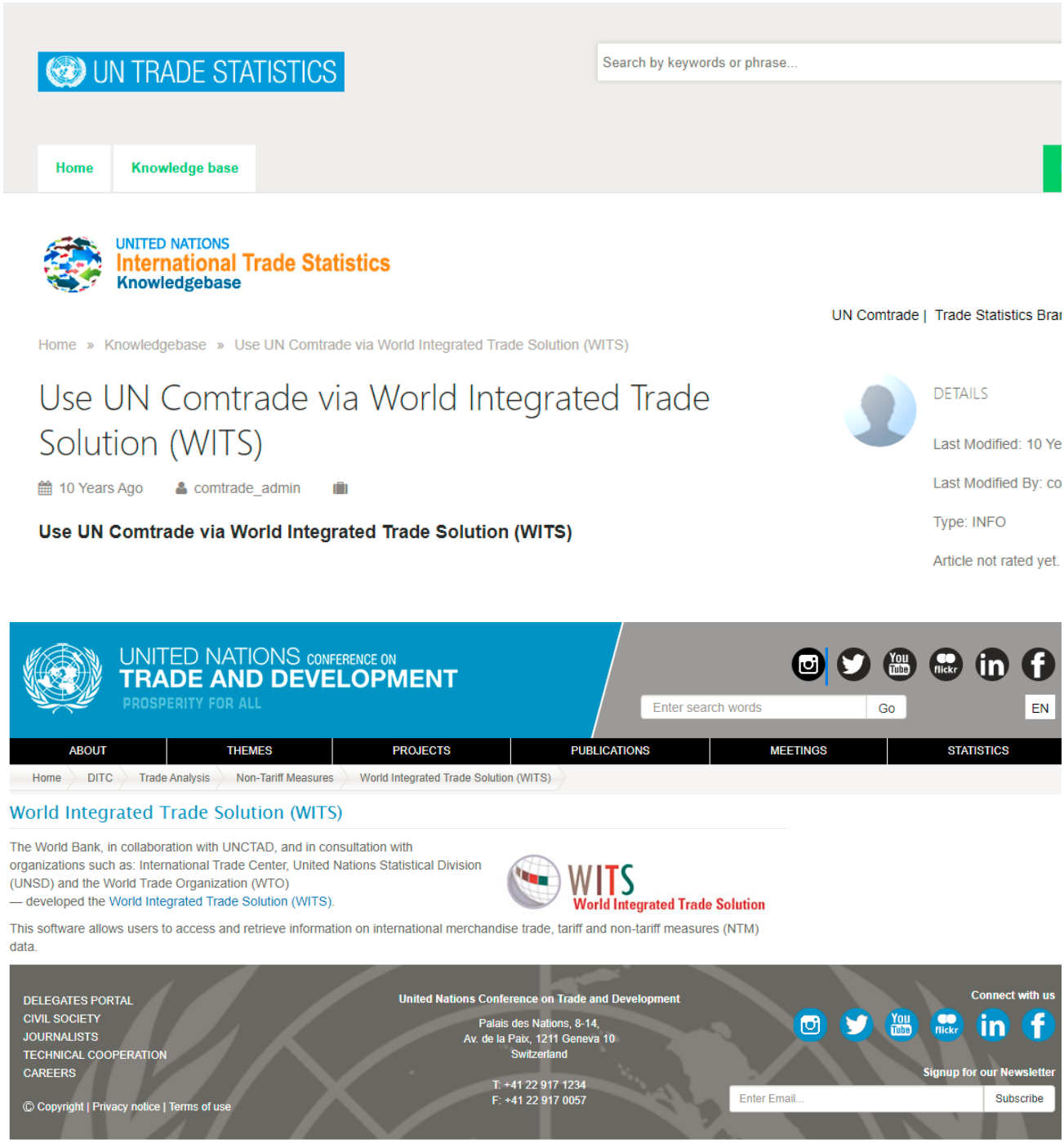
WITS lists as its partners:

- International Trade Center
- UN Conference on Trade and Development
- UN Statistical Commission
- World Trade Organization

- World Bank

What this amounts to is a system to track international trade of products and goods, and the tariffs that have been imposed on them.

5. UN Describes WITS As “Software”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WITS is now fully web based. No more installation required.
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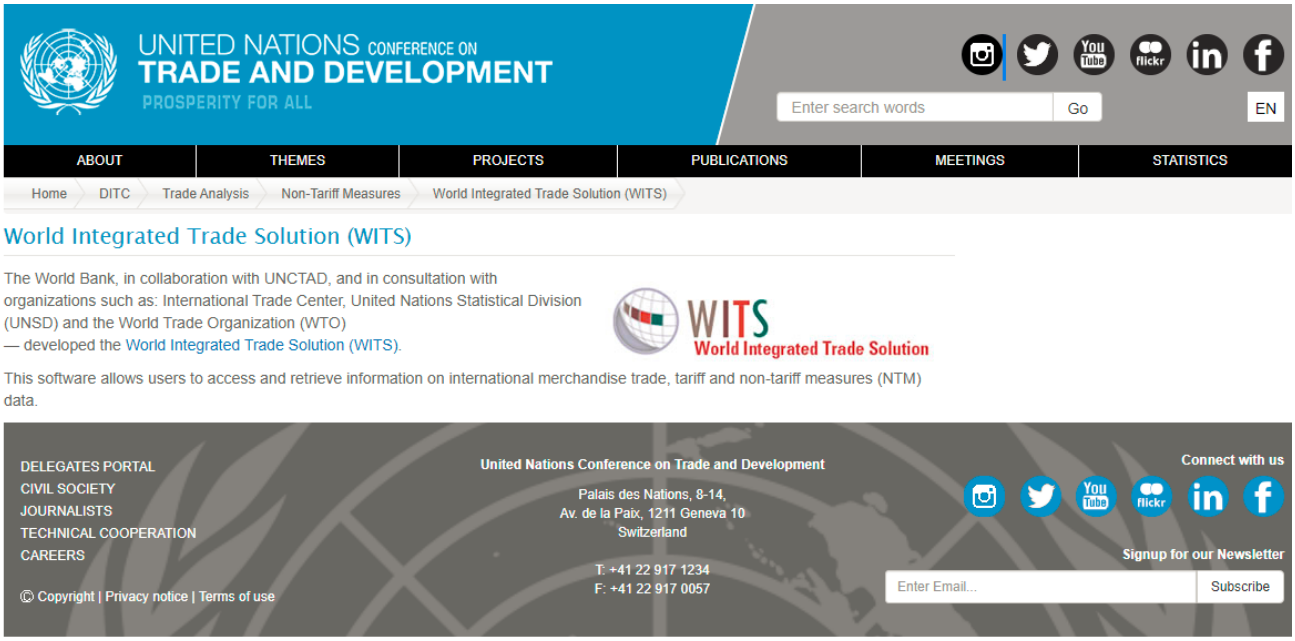
Text Of Descriptor

WITS is just software that the World Bank and its partners came up with in order to facilitate and aid international trade, and tariffs.

6. UN Conference On Trade & Development



https://unctad.org/en/Pages/DITC/Trade-Analysis/Non-Tariff-Measures/NTMs-WITS.aspx

The UNCTAD also describes WITS as a form of software designed to help organize and facilitate trade across national borders.

7. Shows Up In 2017-2019

Again, this could be the result of renumbering, or changing the names on existing codes. On the surface though, it looks like coronavirus supplies have been imported for years now.

Likely, it is just due to system changes, and that people (the author included), have been wondering over nothing.

While there are many reasons to go after government officials over this virus hoax, this isn't one of them.

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